# CURRENT TOPICS

MR. FORT of Illinois has introduced in the House a bill to place on the free list "all soda-ash and impure carbonate of soda imported to be used in the manufacture of paper, or of glass, or of cloths or fabrics composed wholly or in part of wool," and to reduce the import duty on printing paper used for books, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers.

THE House Committee on Appropriations has decided to frame a general deficiency bill to cover several deficiencies in various departments of the Indian Service which appear most urgently to demand attention.

THE House Committee on Public Lands have agreed to make favorable reports to the House upon Mr. Ryan's bill, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to certify school lands to the State of Kansas; and upon Mr. Davis's bill, to declare forfeited to the United States lands granted to the State of Missouri in aid of the construction and extension of the Iron Mountain Railroad from Pilot Knob, by act of Congress, approved July 4, 1866.

THE deficiencies in the annual appropriations for the various departments of the Government for which deficiercy apprepriation bills are asked aggregate \$5,779,536, and include the following as principal items: For the Star Service of the Post-office Department, \$2,000,000; for payment of claims certified to by the Treasury Department, \$804,-561; deficiency in estimates included in the regular annual letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, \$1,-108,237.73; deficiency in public printing, \$450,000; deficiency in the appropriation for the expenses of the United States Courts, \$395,000; estimates from the Secretary of the Treasury for amounts refunded in customs cases, \$200,000; deficiency in the Postal Service, \$307,248; Indian Service, \$135, 000; Railway Mail Service, \$55,000.

THE Senate, by a strict party vote, has rejected all nominations of Census Supervisors for the eight census districts of Ohio. Senator Pendleton, Chairman of the Census Committee, who reported the Ohio nominations adversely, explained that the adverse report had no reference to the personal character of the nominees, but was based solely upon the ground that the President, in nominating eight Republicans, and not a single Democrat, has violated the spirit of the Census law and ignored the distinct understanding of both parties of Congress when the bill was passed, that the Supervisors as well as Enumerators should be appointed irrespective of party affiliations.

load of food and other supplies for the destitute in Ireland.

REPRESENTATIVE BUCKNER of Missouri has introduced a bill for the reduction of duty on paper, which is a little more comprehensive than that o Mr. Fort, inasmuch as it includes paper sized and unsized.

THE German Reichstag was opened on the 12th. Count Von Stalberg Wernigerode read the Emperor's speech. It states that the relations of the Government with foreign powers are peaceful and friendly, and that confidence is felt in the maintenance of peace through the labors of the Berlin Congress, which has been upheld and the stipulations of the treaty of Berlin executed in nearly all their points. The principal measures for legislation announced in the speech are: A bill for establishing biennial budgets; a new military law, and prolongation of the law against So-

THE President, on the 12th, issued a proclamation warning all persons against an unauthorized and illegal invasion of the Indian Territory.

THE House Committee of Ways and Means have decided to report in favor of a refunding bond at 3 1-2 per cent. interest, to run from 20 to 40 years. They are to be used in funding fives and sixes, the aggregate amount of which now outstanding is about \$500,000,000. The committee decided also to recommend that authority be given the Secretary of the Treasury to issue \$200, 000,000 four per cent. Treasury notes, redeemable at pleasure, to assist in the reduction of the annual interest burden.

THE House Inter-State Commerce Committee, by a vote of 9 to 6, adopted Representative Henderson's bill, with amendments, as a substitute for that of Mr. Reagan. The bill provides for a Board of Commissioners, with powers similar to those proposed by the "Chas. Francis Adams plan," their jurisdiction extending over the transportation of all property from one State or Territory into or through other States or Territories, whether such property be carried by one railroad or several railroads. All discriminations and rebates in freight are forbidden by the bill.

THE Select Committee of the House structed Representative Brewer to report | the time."

a bill to the House providing for the appointment of a Commission of ten members to investigate the subject, to serve without pay, and to be selected irrespective of their views upon the Liquor Traffic bill; also, appropriating \$10,000 for expenses of Commission.

THE Senate Sub-committee on Territories have reported to the full Committee a measure providing for the organization of a territorial form of government in the Indian Territory.

A MEETING of the National Democratic Committee has been called for Monday, February 23, at Washington, for the purpose of fixing the time and place of holding the next Democratic National Convention.

THE Baroness Burdett-Coutts intends to devote \$2,500,000 to the permanent relief of the Irish. The project is to expend the money for the purchase of and in the district of Conemara, County Galway, to be leased to farmers at low rentals and on long time.

THE " National Blaine Club" has been organized in Washington, and it is said that similar clubs are to be organized throughout the country, to actively promote the interests of Mr. Blaine as a Presidential candidate before the Chicago Convention.

THE California Legislature has passed bill providing for the enforcement of that clause of the new Constitution which forbids the employment of Chinese labor by corporations organized and doing business under the laws of the State, and the Governor has affixed his signature to the same. There is considerable opposition to this law on the part of some of the large corporations, however, who propose to test its constitutionality by bringing it before the Supreme Court of the United States as soon as a test case can be made.

THE Directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the St. Louis and San Francisco Railways have agreed upon a plan, it is reported, for the building of the thirty-fifth parallel route to the Pacific coast. The new line will be known as the Atlantic and Pacific.

MILITARY officers upon the frontier anticipate active hostilities with the Utes as soon as warm weather sets in. Large quantities of military stores and munitions are being shipped to Fort Garland, and the garrison there is being rein-

THE Superintendent of the Census, in a circular to Supervisors, says the appointment of Enumerators must be non-partisan. He is aware of no reasons existing in law for regarding women as ineligible for appointment as Enumerators. Each Supervisor must be judge for himself whether such appointments in any number would be practically advantageous in his district. It is clear that in many regions such appointments would be highly objectionable, but the Superintendent is THE St. Louis Merchants' Exchange not prepared to say that localities may are raising a fund to purchase a ship- not be found where a canvass of the population by women could be conducted without any disadvantage being encountered by reason of sex of the Enum-

## PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE Iowa House of Representatives, by a vote of 57 to 31, has adopted a resolution for submitting a constitutional amendment to the people making women eligible to the Legislature.

THE House Committee on Military Affairs have agreed to report favorably to the House Representative Frost's bill donating four bronze and eight iron cannon for the proposed statue at St. Louis of General Francis P. Blair.

ber of Congress from the Luzerne District, Pennsylvania, is dead. He was an extensive \$250,000 of which is to be distributed among various charitable institutions.

JAS. W. CLAYTON, for 14 years Clerk n the House of Representatives, and for two

THE President has nominated George Public Moneys, New Orleans; Charles G. Belknap, Indian Agent, Tule River Agency, California; Wm. Whiting, Illinois, Indian Agent at Ponca Agency, Indian Territory.

PRESIDENT HAYES has, with the approval of the Cabinet, directed that Major teno, recently court-martialed and sentenced to dismissal, be permitted to resign his commission in the Army.

ANDREW SMITH, for 12 years Treasurer of the town of North Andover, Mass., is in jail, having confessed to misappropriating funds. The amount of the defalcation is not known. Smith was also Postmaster of the town since the second administration of President Lincoln, and has filled various mportant trusts.

F. H. MASON, who has been nomi nated by President Haves as Consul to Basle, Switzerland, has for 12 years past been man-

THE Chicago Inter-Ocean, by authority of the Hon. E. B. Washburne, announces that he is not a candidate for the Presidency, but is "for Gen. Grant, first, last, and all the time."

was a lazy and worthless vagabond, who lived by doing odd jobs and spent the most of his earnings for liquor. Mrs. Lane was an intelligent woman, of good family connections, and it is said eloped from home to be married.

hand and caused the seal of the United States to be fixed.

Done at the City of Washington on this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1880, and of the independence of the United States the little. [Signed]

By the President:

WE. M. EVARTS, Secretary of State. upon the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic in- but is "for Gen. Grant, first, last, and all nections, and it is said eloped from home to

THE House Committee on Elections, in the case of Curtin vs. Yocum, Twentieth Jim Somers, known from Yankton to Bis-District of Pennsylvania, will report in favor | marck as a lawless and dangerous man, had of sending the matter back to the people of the district for a new election.

GEN. GRANT has been made the conditional legatee of \$10,000 by the will of the late Mr. Borie of Philadelphia. The entire property is bequeathed to Mrs. Borie, but attached to the will is a list of legacies which the testator desired to be paid in the event that his wife should make no other disposition of the property. Gen. Grant is put down for \$10,000 in this schedule.

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short time United States Senator from that State, and the author of a history of Rhode Island, died on the 14th.

inent citizen of Macon, Ga., died on the 15th, of apoplexy, aged forty-seven.

On Feb. 9 the last spike necessary to complete the branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroud to Santa Fe was driven by Gov. Wallace, of New Mexico. Gen. Hatch and staff, the members of the Legislature and other notables attended.

There was much rejoicing at Santa Fe. Talbott's Block, corner of Market and Pennsylvania Streets, Indianapolis, was partially destroyed by fire on the morning of the 10th. The Indiana Medical College and the Knights of Pythias Hall were completely

burned out. A later report from Dublin says one woman and seven men were killed and 13 workmen and firemen seriously injured by the burning of the Theater Royal.

The City-hall at Albany, N. Y., was burned on the morning of the 10th, together with a large number of records and other valuable papers. Seven firemen were crushed by the falling dome, one of whom died within a short time, and two or three others were thought to be fatally injured.

Two men were killed and three others probably fatally injured by an explosion in the Canada Paper Company's Mill at Windsor, Quebec, on the 10th.

At Peoria, Ill., on the 10th, Luther B McKinney twice shot and almost instantly killed his wife's step-father, Jacob Frye, a well known cattle dealer. Mrs. McKinney was prosecuting a suit for divorce, on the grounds of ill treatment, and Mr. Frye had warmly espoused her case, which brought upon him the enmity of McKinney. The shooting took place in the street and was

other cities and towns of the South and

The California State Normal School building at San Jose burned to the ground on the morning of the 10th. It cost \$500,-000 and was insured for \$50,000.

Burglars visited Westport, Conn., on the night of the 10th, gagged the village watchman, carried him to the National Bank, the doors of which were forced, and locked him in a closet. They then blew open the door of the vault, but the explosion was so violent that the plate-glass front of the bank was blown into the street. The villagers were aroused and the burglars fled with \$3,500 cash.

A company of the Tenth Cavalry recently had a sharp brush near Fort Keogh. Mont., with a party of Sioux Indians, supposed to belong to Sitting-Bull's band. One two Indians were killed and three taken

Douglas & Stewart's new elevator building, near Dearborn and State Streets Chicago, was completely wrecked on the morning of the 12th by the heavy weight of grain contained in it-about 123,000 bushels of wheat. The loss is estimated at from \$150, 000 to \$175,000.

Nashville, Tenn., was visited by a terrific hurricane about midnight on the 12th. The spires of the First Colored Baptist, St. GEN. JOHN BRISBIN, formerly mem- John's Colored, and St. Paul's Colored Churches were blown down; the inside brick wall of the new Custom-house was decoal operator and left a large fortune, over | molished, and a number of buildings un-

It is said that an entire family of nine, women and children, whose house stood upon the bank of Mayfield Creek, near Mayyears past occupying the same position in field, Ky., were drowned during a freshet the United States Senate, died at Baltimore on the 12th. The house was washed away.

The Empire Storage Warehouse, 198-204 South Market Street, Chicago, burned Baldry for Register of the Land-office at on the night of the 14th, with all its valua-New Orleans; Wm. M. Burwell, Receiver of | ble contents, consisting of liquors, drygoods, fruits, etc., vauled at \$472,000, most of which was covered by insurance.

Rev. Andrew Andreen, for ten years past pastor of Swedish Lutheran Churches at Berlin and Swedana, Henry County, Ill., hung himself at Rock Island on the 14th, while temporarily insane.

A Tucson (Nev.) dispatch of the 9th says that Captain Rucker, of the Ninth Cayalry, commanding one of the columns pursuing the hostile Indians, had been routed by the latter and forced to retreat, with the loss of several men and horses and all his ra-

At Syracuse, N. Y., on the night of the 13th, Amelia Mantz shot and killed her cousin and lover, Julius C. Mantz, a well known musician, and then committed suicide. The parties had maintained an illicit relationship for some years, and the shooting was in consequence of the man's refusal to marry the woman whom he had ruined.

At Bainbridge, Lancaster County, Pa., Levi Lane, aged 24, murdered his wife and one child, consigned another infant child to death from starvation, and then committed suicide by taking poison. A little boy, aged 3 years, was for some unaccountable reason spared the fate of the other members of the family. When discovered by the neighbors the little fellow was nearly dead from starvation, and the fate of the other members of the family. When discovered by the neighbors the little fellow was nearly dead from starvation, and then form the family. When discovered by the neighbors the little fellow was nearly dead from starvation and cold, his feet and legs being so badly organized in New York City, for the purpose | tion and cold, his feet and legs being so badly tion and cold, his feet and legs being so badly frozen as to necessitate amputation. Lane was a lazy and worthless vagabond, who lived by doing odd tobard and caused the seal of the United States. of furthering Mr. Sherman's Presidential frozen as to necessitate amputation. Lane

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### FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

FEB. 10.-Senate-Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported a bill to establish an educational fund and apply a portion of the proceeds of public lands to public education, and provide for a more complete endowment and support of national colleges for the advancement of scientific and industrial educadown for \$10,000 in this schedule.

MAJ. JAMES D. THOMPSON, on the retired list of the regular army for a number of years, died at Newport, Ky., on the 13th.

GEN. ANTONIO CANALES has been elected Governor of the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

SAMUEL J. ARNOLD, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Rhode Island, for a short time United States Senator from that State, and the author of a history of Rhode Island, died on the 14th.

REV. F. M. KENNEDY, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, and a prominent citizen of Macon, Ga., died on the 15th, of apoplexy, aged forty-seven.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

On Feb. 9 the last spike necessary to persons in the United States arising under the third section of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution shall be forever removed and discharged upon such persons filing with the Attorney-General of the United States a request in writing for relief from such disabili-

> FEB. 11 .- Senate-Mr. Hill of Colorado, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported favorably on the bill for the reclamation of arid and waste lands. Placed on the calendar. Mr. Morrill from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a bill for the erection of public buildings at Denver. The resolution offered by Mr. Eaton, December 4, requesting the President to transmit copies of all correspondence with foreign Governments or their representatives in relation to the inter-oceanic canal, passed.....
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> House—Mr. Price (R., Iowa) submitted the report of the Committee on Banking and Currency upon the affairs of the German National Bank of Chicago. In the opinion of the committee the principal cause of failure was that the Directors utterly failed in their duty. The committee recommends that the National Bank act be amended so as to hold all directors to a strict accountability and provide mittee on Public Buildings Grounds, reported a bill for Bank act be amended so as to hold all directors to a strict accountability and provide that stockholders whose duty it is to elect directors shall in no case be relieved from personal responsibility to creditors of their bank until they have paid, not only the amount of stock held by them, but also an additional sum equal to said stock. The report was ordered printed and laid on the table. The House then went into Committee upon revision of the rules.

FEB. 12 .- Senate-Mr. Saunders introduced a bill to abolish all duties on the importation of salt. The bill for the ascertain ment of the amount of land located on military warrants and for the payment of 5 per cent. of its value to the various States named was taken up and Mr. McDonald spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. Garland introduced a bill to extend for ten years the time for the completion of the Texas and Pacific Railroad. Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, with amendment, the House bill without any immediate provocation. After McKinney had twice fired, Frye drew his revolver and got in two shots in return, but without effect. The murderer was arrested.

Mardi Gras was publicly celebrated, with more or less display, at New Orleans, Mobile, Galveston, Little Rock, and many

FEB. 13.-Senate-Not in session..... House-Mr. Wells (D., Mo.), from the Committee on Appropriations, reported back the bill making an additional appropriation of \$135,000 for the support of certain Indian tribes for the present ilseal year and it massed. Mr. Frye (R., Me.), from the Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canal, reported a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy for all information and correspondence touching the International Canal now in possession of his department and not heretofore published. Adopted. Committee reports of a private nature were then called. The bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter being the regular order, Mr. Bright (D., Tenn.) raised a question of consideration against the bill, and the House refused—ayes 41, nays not counted—to consider the bill. The House then went into committee on private calendar. mittee on Appropriations, reported back

FEB. 14.—Senate-Not in session.... House -A brief session was held, for debate only. FEB. 16-Senate-After the expiration of the morning hour, consideration was resumed soldier was killed and one wounded, and of the five per cent. military land-warrant bill, and Messrs, Allison and Edmunds spoke illegally collected; by Mr. Parsons (D., Ga.)

—Admitting free of duty machinery for the
manufacture of cotton fabrics; by Mr. Keifer (R., O.)—Granting pensions to certain sailors and soldiers of the late war who were confined in so-called Confederate prisons; by Mr. Baker (R., Ind.)—Amending statutes prohibiting the employment of convicts in the manufacture of such articles as may be the manufacture of such articles as may be brought into competition with skilled labor; by Mr. Frost (D., Mo.)—To repeal certain sections of the act of August, '71, relative to the use of Marshals and Supervisors at the polls, and the act of 1872 on the same subject. A bill prohibiting the publication of lottery schemes in the District of Columbia was, after considerable debate, ordered engrossed and read a third time. read a third time.

## The Invasion of the Indian Territory.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

Whereas, It has become known to me that certain evil-disposed persons have, within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States, begun and set on foot preparations for an organized and forcible possession of and settlement upon lands of what is known as the Indian Territory, west of the State of Arkansas, which Territory is designated, recognized and described by the treaties and laws of the United States, and by the Executive authorities, as the Indian Country, and as such is only subject to occupation by Indian tribes, officers of the Indian Department, military posts, and such persons as may be privileged to reside and trade therein, under the laws of the United States; and

Whereas, Those laws provide for the removal of all persons residing and trading therein without express permission of the Indian Department and Agents may deem to be interested in the Indian Whereas, It has become known to me that

persons whom such Agents may deem to be improper persons to reside in the Indian Country; and,

Whereas, In aid and support of such organ Whereas, In aid and support of such organized movement it has been represented that no further action will be taken by the Government to prevent persons from going into said Territory and settling therein; but such representations are wholly without authority. Now, therefore, for the purpose of properly protecting the interest of the Indian nations and tribes, as well as the United States, in said Indian Territory, and of duly enforcing the laws governing the same, I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, do admonish and warn all such persons so intend-

### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

On the 9th, at St. Louis, Judge Adams rendered a decisie in the case of the Mer-chants' National Bank vs. Coates, assigned of the Mastin Bank. This disposes of the fund of \$20,000 claimed by various parties holding checks at the time of the bank sus-pension. The Court decides that the holders of checks are entitled to the fund in the order of presentation of such checks and not in the order of the dates of those checks. The priority of claim thus resting with the earliest presentation, the fund will be exhausted probably among five or six. A commission was appointed consisting of Lucien Eaton and E. Smith for the purpose of converting the property into cash, after which the final order of distribution will be made by the Court.

The evening of the 9th, at St. Louis, Edward Kirschner had his throat cut while being shaved in a barber-shop through the foolishness of some young men who were skylarking and jostled the barber's arm. The wound, however, was not fatal.

The Governor on the 10th commissioner Robert B. Wade of St. Louis Captain of Company A. cavalry, N. G. M., to rank from Dec. 22, 1879.

At Kansas City, the night of the 9th, H. H. Dell, a commission merchant, went to his store for the purpose of ascertaining if every thing was safe, as he had been robbed on two occasions within the past two weeks. He found Steve Dederick, a colored man, in the act of carrying away a lot of butter. Pursuing the thief and hallooing, he attracted Patrolman Flahive to the scene, who joined in the chase. As the thief was nearing the levee, and about 150 feet ahead, the officer fired a second shot, which hit Dederick in the back and ranged upward. The wound was considered fatal.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad Company by its President, Jay Gould, and the Kansas City and Eastern Railway Company by its President, S. T. Smith, have filed in the office of the Secretary of State certificates of the assent of the stockholders of their respective companies to the lease of the latter road to the Missouri Pacific for a term of five years from December 9, 1879.

Robt. B. Wade has been commissioned Captain of Company A, N. G. M., St. Louis to rank from December 22, 1879. Clarence N. Smith, clerk in the office of

the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company, committed suicide at Kansas City on the 10th, by shooting himself.

Albert Beckers, aged 18, brother of A, M. Beckers, a prominent lumberman of Jefferson City, accidentally shot and killed him-self on the 13th at Capt, Beckers's, some eight miles from town. He came up from St. Louis a few days ago and went out to the farm to work, and, in taking down from a shelf a loaded revolver, by some means discharged it, the ball penetrating his forehead, causing instant death.

The case of Martin, charged with the murder of Miser in Laclede County, occupied the attention of the Circuit Court at Lebanon during a whole week, and the jury on the 13th returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the

There is a movement on foot to construct

ette. The Moberly Buffding and Loan Association has voted an increase of its capital stock to \$300,000.

On Saturday the 7th inst., Mr. Ausley muer, son of J. G. Elder, was instantly killed at a house-raising in Laclede County. Anderson B. Goss and Richard Pierce were arrested in Tom Township, St. Clair County, about two weeks ago, charged with complicity in the death of Hattie Dowell.

Two young men, Oswald Vaughan and Ben Ford, were thrown from a horse in the suburbs of Glasgow a few days ago. They were both riding the same horse. Ford was killed. Young Vaughan had several

ribs broken. Mrs. Nancy Snell, the oldest citizen o Howard County, if not of the State, died at her home two and a half miles east of Fayette on Monday morning, January 26. Mrs. Snell was born in Augusta County, Va., April 8, 1788, consequently had she lived until the 7th of April next she would have been one hundred and two years of age. Her effspring-children, grandehildren, etc., number over three hundred and

William Jackson and David Wilburs, convicts in the Penitentiary, fought on the night of the 11th, and Jackson was badly stabbed.

Charles Repolds, who a few weeks ago eft Madison County and moved to Pilot Knob, met with a fatal accident. One night, while engaged a mining in a drift, a blast, which should have been fired by a previous set of hands at 1 o'clock, was carelessly delaved. At four clock Reynolds and two or three other men ntered the drift just at the fatal moment when the blast exploded. Reynolds was killd instantly by a large rock falling on him, magling his body in a frightful manner, and apther man had his thigh

The fireman on the second section of freight train No. 2 going east, met with a miraculous escape rom instant death on the 15th. While crossing Beaver Bridge, four miles west of Rolla, and while out on the engine tinkering with the pamp, he lost his footing and fell over the bridge to the ground, a distance of thirt-five feet, receiving but a few slight brises. Had the fall been delayed ten secons the tumble would have been about ninty feet. How he escaped with his life is a mracle.

There was a meeting of th stockholders representing nearly all the stoc of the Boonville Bridge Company at Booville on the 14th, at the office of the Cerral National Bank. The old Directors werall re-elected, and the following officers, a New York men, were elected for the eming year: James M. McLean, President; (D. Wood, Vice-President; H. B.Henson, Seretary; J. H. Oglebie, Treasurer

The net earnings of the Iromountain Road for 1879 are said to exceed 3,300,000, or \$300,000 more than required pay all its interest and fixed charges. This counts for the heavy movement of late in the bonds of this company.

MRS. DOZIAH BLODGOOD dit, aged 100, at Amboy, New Jersey, th other day; seven children living; oldst, 80; youngest, 59; daned on her 100th birthday last Decemer, as livelys any body; read without lasses; did at die of old age, but was killed by illing

BUTTER SPONGE CAKE.-Fotteen eggs, their weight i sugar, weint of eight in flour, weigt of six in bter, and the rind and juie of two lems.

A passenger train which left Lansing coming east last Monday had among the passengers a plain-faced, sensible-lookng girl about 20 years of age, and a thin-waisted, sickly-looking young man a year or two older. No one would have mistrusted that they were eloping had not the young man asked the conductor if there was a clergyman on the train. There was none, and the young man explained to the passengers around him that he was in a bad fix. He had come down from Bath Township in a buggy, and he was quite sure that the girl's father would take the other road down to Chicago Junction, and there board the Lansing train and raise a row. He was not much on a row, but yet he loved the girl, and they were bound to marry. If the old man came along he thought he could bluff him off, but if his two big sons came along the scale would be turned. He therefore wanted to know of a man wearing a red woolen shirt and a coonskin cap if he would stand by him.

"You bet I will!" was the hearty response. "I got my old gal by running away with her, and I'll see you through this if I never do any more good! You wouldn't be worth a cent in a free fight, and now you go into the baggage car and let me run this affair alone. I want to be seated beside the gal when the old man comes in."

When the whistle blew for the Junction, Coonskin changed places, and as the cars halted he put his arm around Mary and took one of her hands in his. The old man and his two sons were on hand, and they piled into the car pell-

"Here she is!" called the father, ashe caught sight of the girl, and the three made a rush.

"Run away with my -! " began the old man, but when he saw the stranger beside her he checked him-

"Want any thing of us?" asked Coonskin, as he looked up.

"Who are you, sir?" "I'm going to be your son-in-law in less than an hour-eh! darling?" He gave Mary a squeeze, and Mary looked happy.

"Come along, Mary - come right home with me!" ordered the father. "Let's mash the villain!" added one

of the sons. "Put a head on him-let me get at him!" shouted the other.

The father seized Mary and the sons seized Coonskin. Then a red shirt towworking with a "pop!" "pop!" and as fast as the trio got up they made for the door. Coonskin followed, arms and feet working like a trip-hammer, and when the train moved off the father sat on a box with a big woolen mitten held to his nose, one of the sons was pulling loose teeth from his jaw, and the other boy was groping his way to a snow-

"Now, then," said Coonskin, as the exu.tant lover returned, "resume ver seat, take her little hand in yours, and don't calkerlate you owe me any thing." "Say, Tom," said the girl, "I'm going to kiss him for that!"

"All right, sis."

"Wall, just as you feel," said Coonskin, as he returned the smack, "but I want it distinctly understood around these parts, that when I see true love on its way from Lansing to Howell to get spliced I kin lick all the pursuing dads in the State of Michigan!"-Detroit Free Press.

GEORGE MYERS was an athlete and a remarkably hearty eater. He was sent to prison in Philadelphia for two years, and the fare there was too scant and plain to suit him. On getting out he determined to gratify his appetite for a while at any risk. Every night he broke into some pretentious house, and regaled himself on choice viands and wine, often spending four or five hours at it. Nine of these burglaries were committed in as many nights before he was

STEAM and horse railroads in this country require 100,000 men to labor on Sunday.

## THE MARKETS. NEW YORK, February 17,

CATTLE—Native Steers.
SHEEP—Common to Choice.
HOGS—Live.
COTTON—Middling
FLOUR—Good to Choice.
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.
CORN—No.3.
OATS—Western Mixed. PORK-Mess. ST. LOUIS. PORK—Mess.

COTTON—Middling.
BEEVES—Choice to Faney.
Good to Prime.
Native Cows.
Texas Steers.
HOGS—Common to Select.
SHEEP—Common to Choice.
FLOUR—Choice.
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WHEAT—Red Winter, No. 2.
Red Winter, No. 3.
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.
OATS—No. 2.
TIMOTHY SEED—Prime.
TOBACCO—Dark Largs.
Medlum Dark Leaf.
HAY—Choice Timothy.
BUTTER—Choice Darry.
EGGS—Fresh Candled.
PORK—Standard Mess.
WOOL—Tub-washed, Choice.
Unwashed Medium.
CHICAGO.
CATTLE—Native Steers.
HOGS—Common to Choice. WHEAT—Spring No. 2..... CORN...... YE-No. 2.....

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